Numbers to Remember

Emergency 911

Dispatch 801-799-3000

Sandy Police 801-568-7200

Sandy Fire 801-568-2930

Sandy Graffiti Hotline 801-568-2900

Sandy Animal 801-352-4450

Services

Tip-A-Cop 801-568-4636

Crime Prevention 801-568-7200



Sandy City Police Department Crime Prevention Unit 10000 South Centennial Parkway Sandy, Utah 84070

Phone: 801.568.7200

http://sandy.utah.gov/departments/police-department

Sandy City Police Department Crime Prevention Unit



Holiday Safety

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Homes jam-packed with gifts

Stores, malls, and downtown streets filled with unsuspecting shoppers. People rushing around, stressed out and careless, looking for last-minute gifts, trying to get everything done. It's enough to make a crook giddy with holiday joy. Here are some tips on how to celebrate safely this holiday season.

When parking at your home

- Park inside a garage (when available) and make certain all doors to the garage are securely closed.
- Take <u>all</u> valuables out of the vehicle. Make sure that anything left inside the vehicle is out of sight.
- Make certain that all the doors and windows are securely closed and locked.
- If parking on the street or in a driveway, try to park the car in a well-lighted space. Park under a street lamp or install a motion-activated light near where you park at home.

When you're at home

- Teach your children not to open the door for strangers.
- Keep an eye out for people and vehicles that are unfamiliar and seem out of the ordinary. Report them to police.
- Find out more about Neighborhood Watch.

When parking while out and about

- Park in a well-lighted space. Use landmarks to help remember where you parked.
- Make certain all windows and doors are securely closed and locked.
- Hide all shopping bags and gifts in the trunk.
- Do your part to make the holidays a safe and happy time for everybody -- Except for criminals.



When you're out and about

- Be extra cautious about locking doors and windows when you leave. Even if it's just for a few minutes.
- Turn on lights and a radio or TV so it looks like someone is home.
- Don't leave gifts and valuables where they can be seen from a window or doorway.
- Reinforce doors with dead-bolt locks and place wooden dowels in the tracks of windows and sliding glass doors.
- Display your house number clearly for neighbors and police to see.



When you're traveling

- Get an automatic timer for your lights and a radio or TV.
- Ask a neighbor to watch your home, shovel snow, and park in your driveway from time to time.
- Don't forget to have mail and newspaper delivery stopped. If it piles up, it's a sure sign you're gone.
- Call Sandy Police and ask for extra patrols in your neighborhood while you're out of town. Notify the police of your departure and return dates and provide a responsible party's name and telephone number.
- Teach your children to go to a store clerk, security guard, or police officer and ask for help if you become separated. Never allow your children to go into a parking lot alone.

When you're out and about

- Even though you may be rushed and thinking about a thousand other things, stay alert and be aware of your surroundings and the people around you.
- Park (or wait for rides) in well-lighted, busy places.
- Avoid carrying large amounts of cash. Pay for purchases with a credit card when possible.
- Deter pick-pockets and purse-snatchers. Don't overburden yourself with packages. Be extra careful with purses and wallets. Carry a purse close to your body, not dangling by the straps. Put a wallet in an inside coat pocket or front pants pocket.
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